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11 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
12 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
13 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

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15 **JESSE REED,**

Petitioner,

17 v.

18 **ROBERT L. AYERS, Warden,**

Respondent.

C08-2858 MHP

**RESPONDENT'S REQUEST
FOR STAY PENDING
ISSUANCE OF THE
MANDATE IN *HAYWARD***

Judge: The Honorable
Marilyn H. Patel

21 **INTRODUCTION**

22 Petitioner Jesse Reed filed a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus, contending that his due
23 process rights were violated by the Governor's June 2007 decision finding him unsuitable for
24 parole. This Court ordered a response to the Petition. On May 16, 2008, the Ninth Circuit
25 granted en banc review in *Hayward v. Marshall*, 512 F.3d 536 (9th Cir. 2008), *reh'g en banc*
26 *granted*, 527 F.3d 797 (9th Cir. 2008). The en banc court in *Hayward* may decide whether this
27 Court has jurisdiction over this case, and the appropriate standard to be applied if there is
28 jurisdiction. Therefore, Respondent requests a stay of this case pending the issuance of the

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1 mandate in *Hayward*.

2 ARGUMENT

3 I.

4 **THE COURT SHOULD EXERCISE ITS DISCRETION AND STAY THIS**
 5 **MATTER PENDING ISSUANCE OF THE MANDATE IN HAYWARD**
 6 **BECAUSE BOTH THE BALANCE OF THE INTERESTS AND**
 7 **CONSIDERATIONS OF JUDICIAL ORDER AND ECONOMY FAVOR**
 8 **GRANTING A STAY.**

9 A trial court has discretion to ensure the just and efficient determination of a case by
 10 staying it pending the resolution of other proceedings where a stay would be “efficient for [the
 11 court’s] docket and the fairest course for the parties.” *Leyva v. Certified Grocers of Cal.*,
 12 593 F.2d 857, 863 (9th Cir. 1979). In determining whether to grant a stay, a court should
 13 consider the possible damage that may result, the hardship or inequity that a party may suffer,
 14 and the orderly course of justice, in terms of simplifying or complicating the issues, proof, and
 15 questions of law, that could result from the issuance of a stay. *Lockyer v. Mirant Corp.*, 398 F.3d
 16 1098, 1109, 1111 (9th Cir. 2005). A court should also take into account the existence of similar
 17 cases that are pending in the same district court, and the probability that more are likely to be
 18 filed. *Id.* Staying cases that are on the forefront of an issue provides a necessary delay, allowing
 19 for resolution of the issues and resulting in uniform treatment of like suits. *Id.*

20 As the resolution of *Hayward* could significantly impact this case and numerous similar
 21 cases and issuing a stay would prevent unfairness and serve the interests of judicial economy, this
 22 Court should therefore exercise its discretion and stay this matter pending the issuance of the
 23 mandate in *Hayward*.

24 A. Moving Forward with this Case Before the Finality of *Hayward* 25 Does Not Serve the Interest of Judicial Economy.

26 Granting a stay in this case serves the interests of judicial order and economy. On May
 27 16, 2008, the Ninth Circuit granted rehearing en banc in *Hayward* and argument was heard on
 28 June 24, 2008. At issue before the en banc panel in *Hayward* are two threshold issues which are
 necessary to the resolution of this case: 1) whether California has created a federally protected
 liberty interest in parole for life inmates, and 2) if a liberty interest is created, what process is due

1 under clearly established Supreme Court authority. Resolution of these issues could establish
 2 that Petitioner does not have a federally protected liberty interest in parole, potentially allowing
 3 this Court to dismiss his claims for lack of jurisdiction without requiring briefing from the
 4 parties. Moreover, it would be wasteful to proceed in this case without the Ninth Circuit's
 5 holdings in these matters, as the parties would need to brief issues that will be decided en banc
 6 and then submit supplemental briefing to apply the law as clarified in the en banc decision. The
 7 two rounds of pleadings may unnecessarily complicate the matters raised and would impair the
 8 orderly course of justice. Waiting for the resolution of *Hayward* would thus conserve Court
 9 resources, and prevent this Court from having to revisit this matter if *Hayward* is modified or
 10 reversed.

11 A stay would also serve judicial order and economy by maintaining uniform treatment of
 12 like suits, as once the law is settled it can be uniformly applied. In many habeas petitions
 13 challenging California parole decisions, the Ninth Circuit has sua sponte stayed submission of
 14 the cases until the resolution of *Hayward*. See, e.g., *Tolliver v. Carey*, no. 07-15347; *Boatman v.*
 15 *Brown*, no. 05-16199; *Smiley v. Hernandez*, no. 06-55727; *Valdivia v. Brown*, no. 08-15650;
 16 *Johnson v. Newland*, no. 04-16712; *Varner v. Brown*, no. 05-16029; *Johnson v. Finn*, no. 06-
 17 17042; *Clark v. Shepherd*, no. 06-55065; *Cooke v. Solis*, no. 06-15444.

18 Granting a stay would therefore conserve judicial resources and serve the Court's interest
 19 in orderly managing these proceedings.

20 **B. A Stay Would Not Unfairly Delay Petitioner in Pursuing His Claims.**

21 A stay of this case at the district level would not unfairly impose any additional or
 22 otherwise avoidable hardship on Petitioner. As discussed above, if the parties proceed in this
 23 case additional briefing will likely be needed after the decision in *Hayward*, perhaps delaying
 24 final resolution. Also, even if this Court decides this case before *Hayward*, it is likely the losing
 25 party will file an appeal, and that appeal may be delayed pending resolution of *Hayward*. (See
 26 Arg. I.A.)

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1 **CONCLUSION**

2 When the equities are balanced, the parties' interests and the interests of judicial economy
 3 support staying this case pending the final resolution of *Hayward*. Staying this case until
 4 challenges to *Hayward* are resolved and that decision becomes final promotes the orderly
 5 resolution of this matter, and will assist in maintaining uniformity of like suits pending before
 6 this Court and similar cases that will be filed in the future. Respondent therefore requests that
 7 the Court exercise its discretion to stay this matter pending issuance of the mandate in *Hayward*.

8 Finally, Respondent's deadline for filing an Answer is October 24, 2008. Accordingly,
 9 Respondent requests that if this Court denies Respondent's request for a stay in an order issued
 10 on or after September 24, 2008, this Court grant Respondent an additional thirty-day extension of
 11 time to file an Answer.

12 Dated: August 14, 2008

13 Respectfully submitted,

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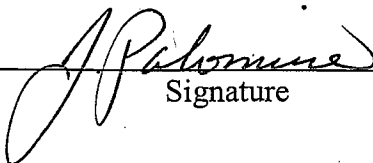
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